

1Samuel 17:4-NKJV

And a champion went out from the camp of the Philistines, named Goliath, from Gath.

1. THE WRONG FOCUS CAN BRING DISCOURAGEMENT ...IN FACING THE PROBLEM.

I Samuel 17:8-11-NKJV

8 Then he stood and cried out to the armies of Israel, and said to them, "Why have you come out to line up for battle? *Am I not a Philistine, and you the servants of Saul? Choose a man for yourselves, and let him come down to me.*

9 If he is able to fight with me and kill me, then we will be your servants. But if I prevail against him and kill him, then you shall be our servants and serve us."

10 And the Philistine said, "I defy the armies of Israel this day; give me a man, that we may fight together."

11 When Saul and all Israel heard these words of the Philistine, they were dismayed and greatly afraid.

Dismayed: feelings of anxiety or distress, typically at something unexpected; to lose courage.

Verse 24,25... *And all the men of Israel, when they saw the man, fled from him and were dreadfully afraid.*

17:25 *So the men of Israel said, "Have you seen this man who has come up? Surely he has come up to defy Israel; and it shall be that the man who kills him the king will enrich with great riches, will give him his daughter, and give his father's house exemption from taxes in Israel."*

Verse 23 ... Then as he talked with them, there was the champion, the Philistine of Gath, Goliath by name, coming up from the armies of the Philistines; and he spoke according to the **same words**. So David heard them.

2. WE NEED TO KEEP OUR FOCUS ON: WHO WE ARE AND WHO'S WE ARE.

Verse 26 ...Then David spoke to the men who stood by him, saying, "What shall be done for the man who kills this Philistine and takes away the reproach from Israel? For who is this uncircumcised Philistine, that he should defy the armies of the living God?"

Verse 25b...*and it shall be that the man who kills him the king will enrich with*

great riches, will give him his daughter, and give his father's house exemption from taxes in Israel."

Circumcision was the mark of the covenant between the Israelites and Yahweh.

Deuteronomy 28:7-NKJV

"The LORD will cause your enemies who rise against you to be defeated before your face; they shall come out against you one way and flee before you seven ways.

Do you know you have a blood covenant with God? It's a covenant ratified by the blood of Jesus.

Hebrews 8:6... But now He has obtained a more excellent ministry, inasmuch as He is also Mediator of a better covenant, which was established on better promises.

2Corinthians 4:18-NLT

... So we don't look at the troubles we can see now, rather, we fix our gaze on things that cannot be seen. For the things we see now will soon be gone, but the things we cannot see will last forever.

Romans 8:35,37-CJB

Who will separate us from the love of the Messiah? Trouble? Hardship? Persecution? Hunger? Poverty? Danger? War?

37 No, in all these things we are superconquerors, through the one who has loved us.

1 Samuel 17:28

... Now Eliab his oldest brother heard when he spoke to the men; and Eliab's anger was aroused against David, and he said, "Why did you come down here? And with whom have you left those few sheep in the wilderness? I know your pride and the insolence of your heart, **for you have come down to see the battle.**"

3. WE NEED TO REHEARSE OUR VICTORIES IN GOD, NOT OUR DEFEATS OF THE PAST.

Verse 36, 37 ...Your servant has killed both lion and bear; and this uncircumcised Philistine will be like one of them, seeing he has defied the armies of the living God."

Moreover David said, "The LORD, who delivered me from the paw of the lion and from the paw of the bear, He will deliver me from the hand of this Philistine." **And Saul said to David, "Go, and the LORD be with you!"**

Verses 42-44 ... And when the Philistine looked about and saw David, **he disdained him**; for he was *only* a youth, ruddy and good-looking.

43 So the Philistine said to David, "Am I a dog, that you come to me with sticks?" And the Philistine cursed David by his gods.

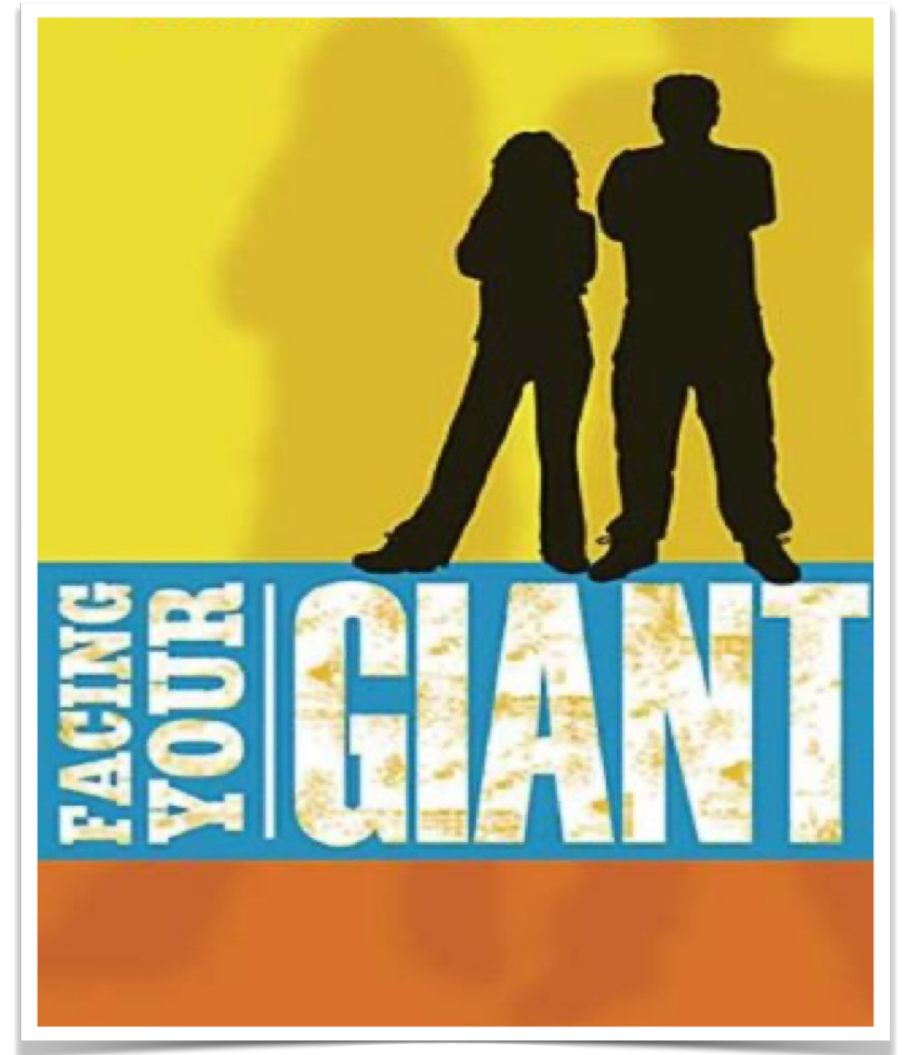
44 And the Philistine said to David, "Come to me, and I will give your flesh to the birds of the air and the beasts of the field!"

Verses 45-46 ... Then David said to the Philistine, "You come to me with a sword, with a spear, and with a javelin. But I come to you in the name of the LORD of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied.

This day the LORD will deliver you into my hand, and I will strike you and take your head from you. And this day I will give the carcasses of the camp of the Philistines to the birds of the air and the wild beasts of the earth, that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel.

Don't ever stop talking the VICTORY---YOU ALREADY HAVE IN GOD!

Verse 51... Therefore David ran and stood over the Philistine, took his sword and drew it out of its sheath and killed him, and cut off his head with it. And when the Philistines saw that their champion was dead, they fled.



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